

Remarks

Claims 16, 17 and 19 remain pending.

Claims 16, 17, and 19 are allowed. Applicants gratefully acknowledge the Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter, and appreciate the Examiner's clarification of the status of independent claim 16 during a telephone call with Applicants' representative on February 2, 2007. Accordingly, all pending claims are allowable.

The rejection under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) over Mikolas (US Pat. Pub. 2004/0005769) is moot in view of the cancellation of claims 1, 4-7, 10, and 13-15.

If the Examiner believes that anything further is necessary to place the application in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact Applicants' undersigned representative at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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